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Hans Gertz of the physiological laboratory of the Karolinska Institut for his work on the functions of the labyrinth. It was published in the *Nordisk Medicinskt Arkiv* in 1918.

THE president and fellows of Magdalen College of Oxford University on the express recommendation of the General Board of the Faculties decided to award a pension of £450 per annum to Professor Sydney Howard Vines, M.A., F.R.S., F.L.S., fellow of the college, and honorary fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge, who is resigning the Sherardian chair of botany with the fellowship on December 31 next, after a tenure of thirty-one years. This is the first occasion on which the new system of pensions for professors instituted by the college with the approval of the university has been brought into operation.

PROFESSOR EDGAR JAMES SWIFT, head of the department of psychology of Washington University, has been invited to give two lectures before the officers and students of the Post Graduate School of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. The subjects of these lectures are "Thinking and Acting" (February 14), and "The Psychology of Handling Men" (April 10).

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

AT the dinner of the alumni of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, held in Cambridge on January 10, it was announced that the endowment fund of four million dollars had been obtained by the alumni, thus securing the gift of an equal sum from the hitherto anonymous "Mr. Smith." It was revealed that "Mr. Smith," who has now given eleven million dollars to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is Mr. George Eastman, president of the Eastman Kodak Company.

THE trustees of Oberlin College have granted increases of salaries for all in the service of the institution. Early in the fall the faculty of the college appointed a committee under the chairmanship of Professor C. G. Rogers to consider the salary needs of the members of the faculty. The report of the committee, approved by the faculty, was transmitted to the trustees, and findings calling for a fifty per cent. increase in the salaries of all teaching and administrative officers of the college, dating from September 1, 1919, were approved. This action adds about $175,000 to the annual budget of the college.

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made at the University of Pennsylvania of a gift of $50,000 from the estate of William C. Goodell for the establishment of a chair of gynecology in the medical school. The trustees have adopted a resolution providing that as far as possible rooms and facilities for the carrying on of research work be extended to emeritus professors in all departments.

THE pathological buildings of the Johns Hopkins Hospital group, the professional workshop of Dr. William H. Welch, was wrecked by fire, January 12. It is said that none of the valuable specimens was lost, nor were any of the records of research work damaged.

PROFESSOR A. P. COLEMAN, geology, has been elected dean of the faculty of arts of the University of Toronto. Professor J. Playfair McMurrich, anatomy, has been elected chairman of the board of graduate studies, which corresponds with the graduate faculty in many universities.

DR. HAROLD PRINGLE, lecturer on histology and assistant in the department of physiology in the University of Edinburgh, has been appointed professor of physiology in Trinity College, Dublin, in the room of the late Sir Henry Thompson.

DR. F. W. KEEBLE, assistant-secretary of the British Board of Agriculture, has been elected to the Sherardian professorship of botany of Oxford University in succession to Professor S. H. Vines.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

THE POLYDOGMATA OF THE PHYSICIST

THE mind of the physicist may be said to be somewhat in confusion. But there is no reason to hope that it ever will enjoy the